

Legislation Against The Workers.

Legislation against the workers is the order of the day—see the Lever Act. Injunctions are issued by United States courts to keep workers from combining and refusing to work even if they can not earn enough to keep their bodies and souls together—earn enough to make it possible for them to turn up every day on the job in order to **HAMMER OUT PROFITS FOR THE BOSSES**. Criminal syndicalist laws have been enacted in twenty-nine States—laws that enable a judge to send a man up for 5 to 20 years, even if he does no more than make the workers discontented enough to want to join a union to protect themselves from the bosses—and from the government. The Lever Act is for the workers—but not a **SINGLE BIG PROFITEER HAS BEEN MOLESTED BY THE LAW!** If any worker thinks there have been no profiteers, then let him look at the price reductions that have been made in the past few days and he will see that for **FIVE YEARS THE BOSSES HAVE BLED THE COUNTRY, AND THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID AMEN TO IT!**

Let us examine some more facts about this alleged "prosperity".

On Sept. 20, Franklin Lane, ex-Secretary of Interior, issued a long statement about a shortage of labor, mentioning, among other things, that "in the rest of the country, the demand and supply appear balanced". (Let it also be mentioned that this report was prepared for a life insurance company.)

On Sept. 19, the day before, the Department of Labor stated that "ten out of fourteen representative industries showed a decrease in the number of employees on the payroll in August". The automobile industry employed 10 per cent less men, the woolen industry 6 per cent, the leather, hosiery and underwear industries, 5 per cent, the car building industry 3.5 per cent, the paper making industry 1.5 per cent less.

And the "America First" Publicity Ass. has the insolence to talk about co-operation and "plenty of food and raiment for all".

There Is Plenty For All

There is plenty of food and clothing for all! There is plenty of work for all! There is no need of part of the population enjoying great abundance, while the great mass of the workers slave and get nothing but food and a roof—and a poor one at that!

There are factories that the workers have built. There are machines that the workers have constructed. There are **REAL** homes that the workers have erected. If, as the bosses allege, at present there is no over-abundance of food, no plenty of work, it is because the bosses themselves decided to lower production and boost prices—and, therefore, closed their factories. And **THEY DID THIS IN DEFIANCE OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE BOSSES THEMSELVES HAD SAID—that production must be stimulated.**

There are factories and machines and farms and homes — **but they belong to the capitalists.** And they and the government determine whether they may be used or not. Of course, profits must be made — that is what industries are for.

But what about work for the workers?.....

What if the workers one day should decide that profits are no longer necessary? What if they, **AS A CLASS**, should decide to take over the industries, mines and land, and **OPERATE THEM FOR THEMSELVES?**

That would be against the law—and the constitution?

For the present, it would be. And for the present, the bosses may live in peace. Also the government.

And the government may still make laws against labor; issue injunctions against the workers, send troops against them.

American workers in Montana, Colorado, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Texas and Brooklyn have answered governmental terror and force with counterforce.

What if the workers should learn to **ORGANIZE** their opposition and **FIGHT BACK AS A UNIT?**

Mr. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, closed up his mills. They were his mills, so no one had the right to complain. 40,000 lost their jobs, 200,000 souls were threatened with starvation.

The workers are people of all nations: Italians, French, Canadians, Lithuanians, Poles, Syrians, and Franco-Belgians. Of course, patriotic Americans call them "aliens," but they are just the right people to produce \$43,000,000 profits for the American Woolen Company in three years.